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SEC. 39. No person shall place in any public highway or square of this city any tin cans, broken glass or other objectionable refuse or organic matter subject to decomposition, either vegetable or animal, nor allow any waste from any property owned or occupied by him or her to run into any alley or street or any open gutter along any street or alley, or to accumulate upon the surface of the ground at any place in such manner as to be offensive or to constitute a menace to health.

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SEC. 68. Whatever is dangerous to human life or health, whatever renders the air or food or water or other drink unwholesome, and whatever building, erection, or part, or cellar thereof, is overcrowded or not provided with adequate means of ingress and egress, or is not sufficiently supported, ventilated, sewered, drained, cleaned or lighted, are declared to be nuisances and to be illegal, and every person having aided in erecting or contributing to the same, or who may support, continue, or retain any of them shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this ordinance and shall also be liable for the expense of the abatement and remedy thereof.

**Board of Health—Organization and Duties. Secretary—Duties. (Ord. Feb. 15, 1916.)**

SECTION 1. The board of health of the city of Uniontown shall have the powers and authority vested in such boards by the act of May 23, 1874, P. L. 259, the act of May 26, 1889, P. L. 306, and the amendments thereto and supplements thereof, and of all other acts of assembly having relation thereto.

SEC. 2. *Organization.*—The members of the board of health shall severally take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed for city officers and shall meet, for the purpose of organization, on the first Monday of January of each and every year, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, choosing one of their number as president. The city clerk shall act as secretary of the board of health.

SEC. 3. The board of health shall meet regularly once a month on a day and at an hour to be appointed by it, and shall hold such other special meetings as the conditions of the city may require.

SEC. 4. *Duties of board.*—The board of health shall have general supervision of the sanitary conditions of the city, and it shall be its duty to abate nuisances in accordance with the provisions of acts of assembly in that behalf and of the ordinances of the city.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the board of health to submit annually to the council during the month of December of each year, an estimate of the probable receipts and expenditures of the board during the ensuing year, and the said board shall, during the month of January of each year, submit a report in writing to council for the preceding year, containing the usual and necessary statistics, together with such other information or suggestions relative to the sanitary and health conditions within the city as it may deem proper.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the board of health to make such reports to the State department of health as it now or may hereafter be required by law.

SEC. 7. The board of health shall provide a suitable minute book and other suitable books of record, for the proper transaction of its business and the preservation of the records thereof, and shall also provide placards, notices, circulars of instructions, utensils, and material for disinfection for the use of the health officer in the performance of his duties, and shall also provide cars

for the reporting of communicable diseases to the board of health, and cards for the reporting of recovery or death, and requests for disinfection, which cards shall be furnished to each physician practicing within the city.

**SEC. 8. Duties of secretary.**—It shall be the duty of the secretary of the board of health to keep careful and accurate minutes of all proceedings of the board; to keep accurate accounts of the expenditures of the board; to draw and certify all orders upon the treasurer of the city for the payment of moneys authorized by the board of health, vouchers for which shall be signed also by the president of the board, approved by the superintendent of the department of public safety, and countersigned by the superintendent of accounts and finance; to render statements of expenditures to the board at each stated meeting or as frequently as they may require; to prepare under the direction of the board the annual report to the city council, together with the estimate of the appropriations needed for the ensuing year; and to perform such other and further duties as the board may require.

It shall also be the duty of the secretary of the board to report to the State department of health at the stated periods required by act of assembly, or the rules of the State department of health, upon blanks supplied by the department to the board of health for that purpose, a list of the cases of communicable diseases specified in the act<sup>1</sup> of May 28, 1915, P. L. 617, and the amendments thereto and the supplements thereof.

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**SEC. 36.** The board of health is hereby vested with the power, authority, and with the duty of enforcement of the laws of the Commonwealth and the ordinances of this city as to garbage, so far as the same relate to the public health,

### **Health Officer—Appointment, Powers, and Duties. (Ord. Feb. 15, 1916.)**

**SEC. 9.** The board of health shall at its meeting on the first Monday of January, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, elect a health officer, who shall not be a member of the board, and who shall serve for a period of one year from the first Monday of January and until his successor be chosen and qualified. The board may also elect such other officers or employees as may be required and authorized by law.

**SEC. 10.** The health officer shall execute the orders of the board of health and for that purpose he shall have and exercise the powers and authority of a policeman of the city. He shall receive such salary as may be fixed by the board of health, and shall give bond to the city in the sum of \$500, for the faithful discharge of his duties, and he shall also take and subscribe the oath required of members of the board of health.

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**SEC. 15.** It shall be the duty of the health officer to make stated sanitary inspections of the streets, alleys, and premises in the city at such time as the board of health may direct, and to report to the board all nuisances detrimental to public health. He shall also, at the direction of the board of health, or upon complaint of citizens or property owners, or otherwise, make special investigations of alleged nuisances and report concerning the same to the board. He shall serve all notices of abatement issued by the board of health, and perform such other duties requiring the abatement of nuisances as the board may direct.

**SEC. 16.** Under direction of the board of health the health officer shall act as prosecutor in all cases of violation of health laws, ordinances, and rules and

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<sup>1</sup>Public Health Reports Reprint 338, p. 438.